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## LETTER

### From Akron Soldier,

### Telling of Hardships In the Philippines.

### Had Several Narrow Escapes From Death.

### Luzon Is Not a "White Man's Country."

### Some of the Natives Are Treacherous—Their Habits.

Pasay Barracks, Manila, P. I.

My Dear People: I am very sorry to keep you waiting so long for a letter. But the truth is that I have had very little time and opportunity to write, or, rather time, without the means. They have been keeping our regiment, and particularly my squadron, very busy ever since we came here. When we landed we were quartered in Manila and in six days we, Fand A troops, were sent out on the line at Marikina, a desolate spot, about eight miles from Manila. We had our first fight here and a hot one it was. "A" troop, only 50 men, bore the brunt, and I was the advance guard, and though I was very badly scared, I did my part as well as the rest of them and came out unhurt. Five Americans were killed and seven insurgents were found dead, but some were killed and wounded that we did not get. That was my first and hardest fight, and I have been under fire several times since. We spent 20 days at that place and then returned to Manila and went to the new cavalry barracks on Manila Bay just outside of town, and called "Pasay Barracks," where I am at present. Our horses had arrived by this time and we were busy engaged in getting equipped for mounted service until the time we left. This was still in the rainy season and the mud, rain and mosquitoes made our life miserable. We left for San Fernando as soon as we were fitted out, and were quartered there in an old house on the main street or road. San Fernando is a small town on the railroad, and for this reason it was the gathering and starting place of Lawton's northern expedition, it being easy to bring supplies by rail. The time here was spent in drill, and in completing our preparations to accompany Gen. Lawton. On the 11th of Oct. we started out on the northern trip, it being our program to clean out the country as we advanced along the Rio Grande, and to occupy a position northeast of Tarlac, or Tarlac, the rebel capital, and to close the passages by which Aguinaldo was expected to retreat. Other columns were approaching the city from other points and we were expected to intercept and capture the rebel general as he was trying to escape in the mountains. We had fighting all the way up, and I was in the most of it. At Arayat, Cagayan, San Isidro and Talavera, I was under fire, but did not get to use my carbine. At the capture of San Isidro I was No. 4 of my set of fours, and consequently had to take the lead horses, while the other three men dismounted and went forward to fight on foot, and though bullets were abundant in my vicinity, I did not get into the action. It is the way of fighting in the cavalry that No. 4 of every set of fours takes charge of the horses of the other three men, who dismount and fight as infantry. I also was compelled to take the horses of two sergeants, so that I had six horses in a string to lead. I had my hands full, as the horses were unmanageable, the roads terrible, and about four miles to the town. It was raining heavily and my horse was bucking and nearly threw me many a time on the road, and so you see it is no snap to be a trooper in the Philippines. At Talavera I was on outpost the night the town was attacked by insurgents. There were only four troops in town, or about 250 men. I was sitting on my post about 4 o'clock in the morning, fighting mosquitoes, all unsuspecting, when suddenly from down the road about two hundred yards, came a scattering of Mauser shots, followed by heavy volleys in quick succession. The bullets flew thick around me and I laid as low as

possible on the ground until I was recalled by the corporal in charge. They had spotted the outpost during the day and knew just where to shoot, and they came near getting me. Immediately after this the main attacking force opened on the outposts at the other end of town and receiving no return fire from either place they concluded that the Americans had run away. So they advanced boldly up the road and ran right into B and D troops laying in wait. It did my heart good to hear the roar of the Krags as they turned loose into them. They managed to carry off many of their dead and wounded as it was pitch dark yet, but we found two dead and one wounded next morning, but the canfield where they fought in, and the road they retreated over, was the bloodiest looking affair I ever hope to see. From Talavera we went to San Jose and from there we followed the supposed trail of Aguinaldo into the mountains, 25 miles to the town of Carrangian. We were nearly 100 miles from the base of supplies at San Fernando and all the way along got nothing but bacon and hard tack, owing to the enormous difficulty of transportation. We fed our horses on the growing rice along the route. At Carrangian, however, the trail was so difficult and mountains that we had to pack rations on our horses from San Jose, 25 miles over an almost impassable trail. I made one such trip. A detail was sent to San Jose after rations and I was in it. We rode down, and led our horses back. It took two days. My horse had a box of hard tack on his back and I led him. We forded the Rio Grande 12 times along the route. Many places so swift that if I had not been supported by my horse I would have been swept away. The men were starving in that town and they killed the caribous and ate them. To add to our difficulties, 176 bolomen walked into town one day, unsuspecting the Americans' presence until they were covered by the outpost. They were soon surrounded, and surrendered without a fight, and we were obliged to feed them. I was so weakened by hunger and exertion that I became desperately sick with malarial fever. For four days I laid in the gloomy quarters and thought I certainly would die. I could eat nothing, and could not walk, but only crawl, and it rained most of the time, and the place was such a desolate, God forsaken hole that I didn't care if I ever got well. I drank water in vast quantities, and by the time we left I was able to ride again. All the other men were sick, too, and eight had to be carried on litters all the 25 miles back, and two subsequently died in our troop. Had it not been for the captured bolomen who made rude bamboo litters and carried the sick men back on their shoulders, there would be many, and many a grave in Carrangian. That was my most terrible experience. The captured bolomen afterward enlisted as scouts in the service of the United States; certainly a curious spectacle, but American army rations and plenty of pesos were a powerful argument. But we failed to capture Aguinaldo and started on our return trip to Manila. Our route led us over through Bulacan province after a General Pilar, who was buying things his own way there, and with 200 men had chased a battalion of the 35th volunteers out of San Miguel. We struck the rear end of his retreating forces and had a fight in which three insurgents were killed and two Americans wounded. But he and his army escaped into the mountains where we could not follow him, and we returned to San Miguel, then to Baling, or Baling, then to Malolos, where we took the railroad to Manila. That was the end of our northern trip or "hike," as the soldiers call an expedition.

Luzon is a beautiful island and it is only the lack of proper government that has prevented its becoming one of the finest countries on earth. It is not a white man's land, however. There is something alien about it, that prevents the American from sympathizing with it, and causes eternal mistrust with the natives. I neither like nor trust them. Perhaps it is because they have been shooting at me for the last seven months, but I would no more trust them than a snake. But they are a very clever and intelligent people nevertheless. As a general rule the insurgents will not fight unless they have a great advantage, and when hard pressed they scatter and separate and hide their weapons, and put on white clothes, and as you ride along the road they sit in their shadows and look at you, smoking a cigarette; or, perhaps come out by the roadside, take off their hats, salute the officers, and offer the soldiers a drink of water, or a very bad cigarette. "Mucho amigo!" The rapidly with which they change clothes, hide their guns, and

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## AMUSEMENTS.

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

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Tuesday, April 17

### Hogan's Alley

become a harmless "homicide" cutting grass, or driving a caribou, is phenomenal.

The only good thing that you can buy out of the army commissary, is the cigars. Manila cigars when you get a good one are certainly excellent. The merchants of Manila and the peddlers all over the island, consider the soldiers as profitable game, and "easy," and little of my money they get.

**ORIE S. WALKUP.**

## EUREKAS

### Have Won the Trophy.

### Defeated the Peerless Team by 60.

### Crowns Will Challenge the Eureka's.

### Schedule For Kirkwood Club Completed.

### Gus Ruhlin Was Born In Canton, Not Akron.

There was plenty of excitement on the Howard st. alleys Thursday night. The Peerless and Eureka bowling teams "crossed swords" for the last time this season and from start to finish the rooters for the two clubs kept the interest at fever heat.

Both teams were in fine form and each took a game with the Peerless 28 pins in the lead on the total number of pins. As the Eureka's went into the contest with 88 pins to the good from a previous match, they won the series by 60 pins. The silver trophy now belongs to the Eureka's. The Crowns will challenge the latter for a series.

The Peerless bowlers opened up in excellent form, and won the first game by 63 pins. This gave a five ball lead with the final game to hear from. The Eureka's, however, went into the finish with a vengeance and came out with 65 pins to spare.

Vernosky played two strong games for the Peerless boys, with a total of 387 pins. For Eureka, Bullock bowled the highest score. The score follows:

PEERLESS.	
Wright	140 115 255
Moore	134 151 315
Kohl	169 154 323
Vernosky	214 173 387
Feltz	138 162 300
Total	825 753 1580

EUREKA.	
Wolf	165 142 307
Bullock	141 202 342
Martin	139 151 290
Lattimer	167 157 324
German	120 168 288
Total	732 820 1552

**BORN IN CANTON.**

According to Chas. Hof, an uncle of Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant is not a Dutchman, as is generally believed, says a New York special. Mr. Hof, who is an official in the department of accounts at Washington, is here on law business for the government. He says: "In our pedigree for half a dozen or more generations there is a great deal of mixture in the blood. Swiss, French and Italian blood predominate. There is little of the German in the combination. Of course, Gus has a part of all three streaks in his veins, but he was born at Canton, Ohio, the home of President McKinley, not Akron, as is generally believed. His instincts and inclinations are enthusiastic for the institutions of the United States. He is an American, too, and including the backbone."

By the way, Ruhlin is confident of defeating ex-Champion Fitzsimmons in his coming battle at Tuckahoe in short order."

**OFFICIAL AVERAGES.**

The regular schedule of the Kirkwood bowling club has been completed. Dr. R. B. Carter leads the list. In 36 games he has an average of 168.5. The first and second teams will continue practice for contests with outside teams. The official average follows:

Dr. R. B. Carter, 168.5; H. Williams, 160.7; W. H. Snyder, 160.4; G. F. Firestone, 160; C. E. Howland, 165.5; M. W. Smith, 164.3; C. P. Frahn, 157.1; H. J. King, 153.8; J. W. Chapman, 153.3; G. E. Koplin, 153; J. E. Leighton, 153; W. E. Hanscom, 152.9; J. Ed. Good, 152.4; F. C. Kasch, 151.7; C. R. Wolf, 151.7; G. H. Miller, 149.1; F. A. Place, 149.1; C. D. Honadle, 148.5; H. L. Barnes, 146.8; H. J. Blackburn, 146.8; J. V. Vedder, 144.5; L. B. Lyman, 144.3; G. T. Whitmore, 144; E. Harpham, 143.8; E. V. Carter, 143.1; A. R. Sheehan, 142.5; J. S. Bonner, 141.8; R. P. Dolson, 141.3; W. H. Stoner, 140.8; C. L. Byrder, 140.1; C. E. Smith, 140.1; E. J. Alderfer, 139.8; H. E. Votaw, 139.6; P. W. Shirer, 138; Geo. Wilson, 137.8; Joe Dangel, 137.5;

C. F. Chapman, 136.7; J. O. Kapp, 135.7; H. O. Feederly, 133.8; C. B. Akers, 133.5; M. D. Brouse, 132.6; P. B. Johnson, 132.4; L. G. Long, 132; C. A. Marvin, 131.1; A. D. Logan, 130.6; W. O. Rutherford, 130.1; A. H. Noah, 130; F. M. Harpham, 129.5; M. F. Anderson, 128.6; D. L. Marvin, 125.7; W. S. Shell, 124.9; C. Esselburn, 124.5; A. D. Moss, 122.5; J. J. Starr, 121.2; J. H. Allen, 120.5; G. N. Hawkins, 117.5; F. C. Blanchard, 117.2; W. A. Campbell, 116.5; J. T. Lemon, 116; H. Thompson, 115.7; E. P. Kowan, 114.3; R. M. Wilson, 114; H. S. Brown, 109.3; C. S. Todd, 108; L. Hutchison, 107.1; F. Smith, 106.9; R. J. Chalmers, 105.5; A. T. Barber, 103.1.

**LAST GAME.**

The closing pool exhibition between H. P. Stoff, of Cleveland, champion of Ohio, and Met Hard, of this city, was attended by a fair sized crowd Thursday night. The men have played four evenings. Stoff to score 500 balls while Hard ran down 400. The final score stood: Stoff 500; Hard 315. The score for the evening was Stoff 121; Hard 102.

## NEW BUILDING

### For Laundry Establishment Being Erected by Lawrence Haller.

Lawrence Haller, proprietor of the City Hand Laundry, will erect a new laundry plant on the lot recently purchased by him of John A. Kempel, near Mr. Kempel's grocery, 1063 S. Main st.

The building will be 20x60. It will be equipped with modern machinery, and the establishment fitted up for the conducting of a large business.

Work of excavating for the foundation of the building is now in progress.

### Lowney's Chocolates at Kaufmann Brothers.

## MANY ORDERS

### For Furnaces Have May & Fieberger—Big Industry.

A member of the firm of May & Fieberger said to a Democrat reporter Thursday evening that the business of the firm had increased 50 per cent during the past year, and that indications for the present year assure an increase equally as large.

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## MAPLE CREAM

### Shipped From Metz to Idaho—Cemetery Association.

(Special Correspondence.)

Metz, April 12.—The regular monthly meeting of the O'Brien Cemetery Association will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Blenz, Thursday, April 19th.

Mr. O'Neill and sisters, of Cleveland, were the guests of Wm. McCauley a few days this week.

Leigh Housley expects to work with J. E. Raleigh at carpentering this summer.

Bert McCauley returned to Cleveland, Wednesday, after spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Susie Frank, who has been spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Dox, returned to her home in Cleveland.

Mrs. Chas. Sarbel and son Clint, of Cleveland, has been spending a few days with relatives here.

Darrow Bros. shipped a box of maple cream and syrup to Idaho last week.

Metz people will soon have the convenience of a telephone. A representative of the Bell company has been working the territory, and hopes to have the line in operation inside of 60 days.

Mrs. Mary Donaldson, of Milford Center, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. M. Sadler.

Lewis Housley and wife and Miss Lizzie Ewart of Akron, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. John Hawley.

Mrs. B. F. Senter and Mrs. Perlin, of Bedford, visited with Mrs. Darrow Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Steele and Mrs. F. Potts of Cuyahoga Falls, visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. S. J. Hibbard is visiting relatives in Northfield and vicinity.

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